

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-14, 16, 18-24 and 27-33 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3, 15, 17, 23, 25, 26 and 34. Applicant amends claims 2, 14, 24 and 29 in this Amendment and Response.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejects claims 17 and 29 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as her invention. The Examiner points in both claims to a lack of proper antecedent basis for various claim terms and correctly notes that the error relates to an improper claim dependency. Applicant has amended claim 29 to correct the dependency and Applicant's cancellation of claim 17 renders its rejection moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner introduces various rejections of claims 2, 4-22, 24, 25 and 27-33 under 35 USC § 103(a) as rendered obvious in light of several cited references. In an effort to facilitate prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims 2, 14 and 24 to include the limitations of dependent claims 3, 17 and 26, respectively, which are indicated as containing allowable subject matter (claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for incorrect dependency, but Applicant assumes that it would otherwise have been indicated as allowable).

Since all of the claims now include allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that the various grounds for rejection are overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the accompanying amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the grounds of objection and rejection are overcome and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objections and rejections in the outstanding final Office Action. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any issues remaining in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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